



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

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The Masked Singers

In-person and **live-stream** worship continues and we are thrilled to have so many joining in. **Masks** are welcome but not required for in-person worship with one change. We will begin a gradual return to singing in-person and, following the advice of our Ad Hoc Committee for Re-opening, will ask that people **wear masks while singing**. Your input on this decision is welcome. We will continue to monitor the situation and make informed decisions. If you have any concerns or questions, contact Rev. Mike.

Blessing of The Children

This **Sunday, April 3rd**, we will be blessing the children of our congregation, anointing them with **oil** and praying over them as a congregation. In years past, this is something we have always done at the start of the new school and church year. With the improvement in COVID, we decided why wait until next September; especially with Church School back in full swing. Let the little children come, and hinder them not for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Karen Bailey.....Office Coordinator
Jarrett Larson.....Organist and Choir Director
Bob Duda.....Assistant Choir Director
Michael Walters.....Handbell Choir Director
Cameron Boswell.....Stream Master
Andrea Montgomery.....Church School Director
Mary McGreevy.....Treasurer
Patience Boswell..... Sexton
Linda Potter.....Newsletter Editor
Emily & Kate Ewy.....Nursery Care Providers
NEW Church Office Hrs: 1 - 4 p.m., Tues. & Thur.

Return of The Rummage Sale!

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held **Friday, April 22nd** from **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, April 23rd** from **9 a.m. - Noon** with a **Congregational Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, April 21st** from **6 - 8 p.m.** (Pizza provided!) Shoppers at the rummage sale will be encouraged to wear masks.

We welcome clean and folded **spring and summer clothing** for ALL ages. We accept any **household goods**, clean and in good condition as well as **children's toys and games**. Also **books** - novels and non-fiction books. **NO TEXTBOOKS PLEASE.**

Electronics end up being thrown out and cost the church money to discard. Please **DO NOT DONATE ELECTRONICS OF ANY KIND.**

Help is needed! Sorting, folding and set-up begins the week prior and is labor intensive. We welcome anyone **Monday through Thursday**, April 18-21 to volunteer. In addition, we will need volunteers as **cashiers** Friday and Saturday and help with **clean-up** on Saturday, April 23rd.

Ellen Grayson and Pat Mace, Co-Chairs.

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Family News

Prayers for the expecting! For **Cati** and **Bill Gollinger** expecting a baby *any day now* (April 1st due date) and for **Anna** and **James Eller** who are pregnant and expecting a baby girl on June 22!

Prayers for the fallen! For **Lew Shepard** still healing from a fall (39 Meade Road, Canton, NY 13617), **Aubrey Boswell** healing from a broken arm (14 Park Street Apt. 3, Canton, NY 13617) and **Mary Kelly** rehabbing from surgery for a broken wrist (2121 Dekalb Kelly Road, Rensselaer Falls, NY 13680) and **Rich Grayson** recovering from a broken ankle (23 CR 33, Madrid, NY 13660).

Prayers for **Nick Scelzi** recovering from infection; **Bill** and **Karen Parker**, both of whom are facing significant health challenges; and **Colleen Grant** facing difficult health challenges and recovering from a fall at work (and husband, **Dale**, in support of her); **Wayne Miller** recovering from a long bout of COVID (who just celebrated his 102nd birthday!).



Prayers for the **Boswell Family**, **Gordy** and **Michele Theisen**, as well as **Mary** and **Elliot Rodee** and their family as they endure loss and move through grief.

Continued Prayers for **Christa Lyon** who continues treatment, and her husband **Marty** under care of Hospice with needs increasing (43 Lincoln Street, Canton, NY 13617); for **Sean Boutin** and **Kristine McKie** on their journey; **Galen Pletcher** and **Jean McGuire** to remain cancer-free following successful treatment; for **Betsy Robinson** healing from corneal surgery; **Marilyn Rodee** healing from surgery on her toe; **Bill Rodee** facing medical challenges; and Paul Catanzaro who will begin treatment for a recurrence of non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Family News - cont.

Prayers for the **children** and **young families** of our church (and community) as they continue to contend with, learn, live and grow against the backdrop of COVID.

Prayers for Carl Janack (son of **Ellen**) being treated for colon cancer, and Judy Norton (wife of Brian and daughter-in-law of **Shirley**) undergoing treatment; **Ellen Grayson's** sister Connie and her daughter Pam; Glen Erickson recovering from surgery (brother of **Ray & Mark**); Raelene McLain (**Vicki's** mother) undergoing treatment; Mary Theisen (mother of **Gordy**) recovering from hip surgery; and Warren Putnam (friend of the McGuires) facing health challenges.

Prayers for **Grace Chiumia**, our friend in Malawi Africa who helped us start Women of Grace, who is dying from brain cancer; and for her daughter Ruth and husband Sam (who administers the Clint McCoy Feeding Center on our behalf).

Thanks to **Michelle Theisen** and **Beth Hayes** for the great work sorting & cleaning out the church's Food Pantry this month! It is greatly appreciated!

Support For Ukraine

We hold the people of Ukraine in our heart-felt prayers during this tragic and deeply troubling time. Those seeking to provide financial support through a trusted source may do so through our denomination's Presbyterian Relief Agency. You may click on this link: <https://pma.p-cusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/>. To give by phone, call 800-872-3283; to send a check, please put "Disaster Relief-International Refugee Programs (DR000156)" on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Thank you!

Student News

Congratulations to **Walter Kuzmicki**, **Alina Kuzmicki** (children of **Anna** and **James Eller**) and **Kate Ewy** (daughter of **Rob Ewy** and **Carolyn Zanta**) on their hard work showcased in this year's Potsdam Ice Show held on Saturday March 19th. Walter skated with the "Snow Plow Sam 2" group to "Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride," Alina with the "Snow Plow Sam 4 and Basic 4" groups to "Yellow Submarine," and Kate with the Junior Group to "Devil With A Blue Dress On." They each are to be commended for their hard work, as are parents Anna and James, and Rob and Carolyn for their efforts. Kate also volunteered her time as a Skate Aide for the little ones (nice!). Pretty cool!

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **April 26th** for a discussion of **The Lager Queen of Minnesota** by J. Ryan Stradal. All are welcome to join in the discussion. Contact Linda Potter at nautilus@twcnny.rr.com or 315-229-8886 for more information.



Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 13th** at **7 p.m.** in the **Conference Room** at the church. All women of the church are welcome. If you are able to attend, contact **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcnny.rr.com.

My Darling Clementine

The church has **two extra copies** of this year's delightful "All Church Read," **Clementine**, available to any who wish it. If you'd like a copy for a grandchild, friend or neighbor kid, please contact the church office and we'll get it in the mail or drop it off to you.

Clerk Needed!

Folks, we are in need of a person to serve as the **Clerk of Session**; the Clerk need not be an Elder or, necessary, a "member." Responses are straightforward and tend to be quick.

At this month's Session meeting, Pat Mace graciously agreed to serve as Clerk of Session for the coming year. Thank You Pat!

Responses at year's end with a statistical report we provide. Nomination (other "extra-curricular" are available, though). If you have any interest at all, please contact **Rev. Mike**.

Church School Is Back!

Last month, and with great joy, we resumed Church School after a two-year COVID hiatus. We're delighted for the leadership **Andrea Montgomery** is providing, and the kids seem to be thrilled to be back at it and having fun.

Masks are welcome but not required, with each family/kid decided what is best for them. We begin each Sunday all together in worship, with the kids going down to



Church School following the Time with The Young and Young at Heart. On Communion Sundays, the kids will return to the sanctuary to join us for the celebration of the Sacrament.

If you are interested in helping out with our Church School program (and Nursery, now available each Sunday and being staffed by Emily and Kate Ewy) please contact Rev. Mike. **A very exciting time in the life of our church!**

Church Attendance

	In-Person	Live Stream	CS
March 6	22	36	
March 13	22	37	
March 20	25	30	11
March 27	30	28	6

Average In-Person Attendance: 25
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 33
 Average Church School Attendance: 9

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
February 28	\$ 2,629.00	\$ 140.00
March 17	\$ 5,299.56	\$ 255.00
Total:	\$ 7,928.56	\$ 395.00

Piano For Sale!

Our esteemed former Church School Director, **Barbara Burdick**, is selling her Yamaha console piano. She is asking \$1k, but would consider less if it was going to a good home. Plays well, but it does need a minor adjustment to the damper pedal. Comes with humidifier and piano bench. She is on a 3 week timeline. If interested, call her at (315) 386-4648.

eNewsletter?

If you received a hard copy of this newsletter in the mail but have an email address to which it could be sent, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

Deacons' Offering

The Deacons' Offering is on the **first Sunday** of every month. This is a vital component of our church's work and mission. If possible, send along a contribution to the Deacons along with your pledge or regular offering. **Thank you!**

Communion Cups

Self-contained **communion cups** are available for you to pick up anytime in the **foyer** for at-home or in-person use.

Officers & Committees

Elders On Session

To strengthen and nurture the faith and the life of the congregation.

Rich Grayson	Patrick LaPierre	Martha Cole
Patricia Mace	Barry Walch	Jim Franklin
Beth Hayes	Heidi Ames	Pat McGuire
Michelle Quinelle-Gayle		Michelle Theisen
Patricia Mace - Clerk Of Session		

Board of Deacons

Ministering to the sick, those in need, the friendless, and those in distress.

Christa Lyon	Georgia Vose	Mark Brackett
Nancy Brown	Susan Akins	Jane Cable
	Stacie Olney-LaPierre	
Jean McGuire		Ellen Grayson
Secretary		Moderator
Ray Erickson, Treasurer <i>Ex Officio</i>		

Committees

Chairs

Resources Martha Cole & Jim Franklin
 Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Facilities Barry Walch & Beth Hayes
 Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

Fellowship Ellen Grayson, Pat Mace & Beth Hayes
 Responsible for all fellowship events.

Nominating JJ Jockel, Mark Erickson, Rich Grayson - Chair
 Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.

Education Beth Hayes
 Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Michelle Quinelle-Gayle
 With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

Stewardship Rich Grayson
 Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Mission Michelle Theisen
 Helping our church, community & world.

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch

C&C Program JJ Jockel & Sean Boutin

Personnel Pat Mace, Patrick LaPierre & Michelle Quinelle-Gayle

The Pastor's Report

Warm greetings to all, my brothers and sisters; those who are both near and far.

This month, as we await the Celebration of Easter and the greening of the earth, I would like to speak to you about hope. Specifically, this passage from Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." If faith is understood as seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, hope is the warmth that is finally felt as one grows nearer. That is, faith is what leads us to hope.

With all that is going on in the world these days (and there is always *something* going on) many people seek to find hope amid the various sundry challenges, hardships and tragedies of life which confront and befall us. Hope is an easy goal to set, and understandably so.

The ultimate value of one's hope, however, is only ever a function of that upon which one's hope is placed. That is, our faith. One does not find hope without first discovering faith. Hope is a function of faith; and disproportionately so.

As one's faith is eroded, so too is the value of one's hope. It doesn't take very much at all to erode faith and, hence, erase hope. Take, as an example, the erosion of faith in our nation's election system and how easily and eagerly it has been undermined. We receive the hope our faith deserves.

Conversely, though, only a small bit of faith (the size of a mustard seed) is enough to not just move a mountain, but to create

a mountain of hope. Such is the power of ideas and ideals; they don't just determine the present, they shape the future.

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As we move toward Easter, I would like to suggest that the question we should be asking ourselves is this, "What is the future we wish to shape for ourselves?" Not just as a world and a nation but, more importantly and specifically, as a church and the people and families which constitute it. The future for which we hope will only ever be arrived at by the faith we might muster. Faith in each other, faith in what our church is now and might be and, finally, faith in the God whose hands are upon us each and every day.

The hope we have for our church is multifold: a source of support, an opportunity for fellowship, a critical component of the nurture and care of our children, a social safety net, the means of living beyond ourselves into a larger life, a chance to make a difference, a bastion of values, a place where *you* and *every* child of God can come to know and accept their intrinsic worth and purpose, and, finally, a home where grace is both found and may abound.

However bold such hopes might be, they *all* reside in and depend upon the faith we have in the empty tomb of Easter Sunday morning. Our hope will only ever be a function of our faith. Having seen the light, it now beckons us to draw nearer to feel the warmth upon our faces and deep down in our souls.

In the promise and hope of new life in Christ. - Rev. Mike

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Thanks To Karen!

The Session, Rev. Mike, and our entire congregation offer our **deep** and **abiding thanks** to **Karen Bailey** for seeing us through these COVID years while serving as Church Secretary. Karen is leaving for greener pastures; well, twinklier key boards actually, as she has recently been afforded the opportunity to teach piano to pre-school kids (which she *loves* to do).

Karen has been the kind, helpful and supportive face (and voice) of our congregation, and kept our church humming right along. Rev. Mike is particularly thankful for her astute, efficient and effective administrative leadership and the gracious personal support she has generously provided (not to mention gentle admonishes to “stay in the lane” theologically :-). We wish Karen all the best in her new musical endeavor, and as an abiding part of our congregational life.



New Secretary Needed

Our church is currently looking to hire a new secretary. Currently there are six hours spent in-office with one hour of “swing” time. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, contact

RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org.

Word processing, layout, database management, email, coordinate church activities and building use. Must be able to juggle lots of balls, have excellent organizational and people skills, assume responsibility, and maintain confidentiality. A very rewarding position where you WILL make a difference. \$15/hr, paid vacation and sick/personal time.



APRIL Birthdays

- 1 Lauren Dean
- 2 Sean Rodee
- 3 Julia Trombly
- 4 Stacie Olney LaPierre,
Nico Larson
- 7 Paula Eschmann
- 8 Matthew Holbrook
- 9 Andi Mackey
- 10 Nancey Brackett,
Emma Brackett
- 11 Linda Potter, Alaina Janack
- 12 Kelly Garwood, Barb Brown
- 13 Terry Billings
- 15 Patti Cryderman,
Kathleen Witherhead
- 16 Nicole Potter
- 17 Michael Frazer, Logan Bailey
- 18 Ruth Leslie, Allison Witherhead,
Sophia Smalling
- 20 Gwen LaPierre
- 21 Jean McGuire
- 23 Brent Bartley
- 25 Luke Frazer
- 27 Katie Dawley
- 28 Tim Cryderman, Jason Casey
- 29 James Gibson

APRIL Anniversaries

- 14 Terry & Martha Billings
- 16 Bill & Marilyn Rodee 1960
- 18 Brent & Faye Bartley
- 23 Patrick & Stacie LaPierre
- 25 Martin Syvertsen & Vicki McLain

Parents! Grandparents!

Shout out and **share** the word about your kids and grandkids with your church family! Send in their **accomplishments** and **achievements** in the classroom, on the field and in the community to the church office (315) 386-2570 or office@ChurchOnThePark.org

Contact the church office with your birthday so we can keep our list current!

April Lectionary Readings

Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8



Palm Sunday - April 10

Liturgy of the Palms
Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Maundy Thursday - April 14

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday - April 15

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Easter Sunday - April 17

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

April 24

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Maundy Thursday Service

A **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held on **April 14th** at **7 p.m.** in the sanctuary and will be live-streamed. This is an Upper Room Communion Service and all are welcome to attend.



Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons newsletter and other resources, **begin by bookmarking the church website:** www.ChurchOnThePark.org. "Click" on the relevant link at the top of the page.

A **live-stream** of the worship service is on the church's YouTube Channel. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "YouTube Channel." You can choose to subscribe to our channel or simply go to this link each week.

Zoom Fellowship calls each Sunday from **11:30 a.m. to Noon** for fellowship only with no format or moderator. If needed, download the ZOOM app ahead of time by clicking on this link (free):

<https://zoom.us/download>. Once you have the Zoom app, go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Zoom Meeting". You will be asked to enter a password which is **3862570** (the phone number of the church). The meeting will automatically begin at 11:30 a.m. & end at 12:45 p.m.)

Worship bulletins are posted earlier in the week to the church website for those worshipping virtually through the stream on our YouTube channel. This will allow everyone the opportunity to follow the liturgy, and see the announcements and prayer requests. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Bulletin."

Written sermons continue to be emailed, or snail-mailed, on *Tuesday* to everyone each week; as well as being posted to the church website. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Written Sermons."

The monthly **Newsletter** will continue to be emailed to most, and snail-mailed to a few; as well as being posted to the church website (click on "Newsletter").

Prayer Warriors

Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join the church

Prayer Chain to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

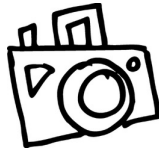
If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, call **Rev. Mike** at 386-2570 or **Wanda Renick** at 386-3474.



Photo Directory

Due to recent "shenanigans," we have made a decision to no longer offer our Photo Directory online through the website. If you would like a copy (print or digital), please contact Rev. Mike or the church office and we'd be happy to send one with you.

We endeavor to keep the photo directory as up-to-date as possible. If you find that you have been inadvertently omitted, would like to be included or would like a retake, please contact **Rev. Mike** or **Keli Hollis**. Updates easily done.



Presbyterian Worship

The monthly service at Partridge Knoll will resume on **Wednesday, April 6th at 11 a.m.** However, due to COVID it will be for residents only. Please continue to keep our friends there in your prayers and, perhaps, stop by for a visit (with a mask) or pick up the phone to say hi. Wanda, Shirley, Janet, Jeanne and Donna would love to hear from you.

Like Us On Facebook!

The Church On The Park has a **Facebook page** which changes regularly - <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirstPresbyterianChurchonthePark>

Church Website



Our Website is updated each month and is a great way to stay a part of the life of the church. If you have questions about, or contributions for the website please email Rev. Mike or the church office.

The Church's email address: office@ChurchOnThePark.org

Reverend Mike's email address: RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

Sermons & Services

Written Sermons in PDF format are now available for viewing or downloading on Monday at www.ChurchOnThePark.org then click on "Written Sermons."

If you'd like to have a copy of the weekly sermon emailed or snail-mailed to you directly, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.Org.

To view recordings of previous worship services, please subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#).

Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

We are still sending out the monthly newsletter! Please submit articles (emailed preferably) to the church office, or directly to the News letter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

nautilus@twcny.rr.com

Hello, my name is...

Name Tag Sunday is on hold for now but you can still get to know your church friends.

Use the **church Photo Directory** and send a note to say **hello!**

Book Donation

Thanks to **Richard Cassara** for donating the children's book, *The Undefeated*, by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson which is now available to all and on the shelf in the church library in the narthex (outside the sanctuary, across from the choir room).

Winner of the 2020 Caldecott Medal, a 2020 Newbery Honor Book and winner of the 2020 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award, *The Undefeated* a poem in the guise of a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.

The text is also peppered with references to the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and others, offering deeper insights into the accomplishments of the past, while bringing stark attention to the endurance and spirit of those surviving and thriving in the present. Thank you Richard, for this generous gift.

Death Cafe

A Death Cafe will be held on **Thursday, April 28th** from **7 to 9 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Death Cafes gather people to enjoy snacks and refreshments while having a **group directed discussion** of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. **The objective is to increase our awareness of death to help us make the most of our (finite) lives.** Masks are welcome and seating is limited.

The evening is free and open to the public. **RSVPs are appreciated.** Contact the host, **Linda Potter**, at 315-229-8886 or nautilus@twcny.rr.com. This event is sponsored by Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, people lack access to **food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.** Each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with **our neighbors** in need.

Started in **1949**, One Great Hour of Sharing is a long-standing **ecumenical effort** aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide **relief and reconstruction** for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years, growing to over **30** participating denominations, and has become the most participated-in Offering in the PC(USA).



One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of **Lent**, makes a difference in the world through **three impactful programs**: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are underway in more than **100 countries**. Presbyterians have a history of working to build a more **just, resilient, and sustainable** future. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are supporting the **gifts and talents** of people and communities all over the world .

Your **OGHS offering envelope** is attached to this newsletter. The OGHS Offering will be received at the Church-On-The-Park on **Palm Sunday, April 10th**. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Church Photos



Clair Casey gets right to work writing a card for Food For Fellowship!



Church School Resumes!



Its Sugaring Season! Elliot Rodee of Brick Chapel Maple Syrup ensures a steady boil.



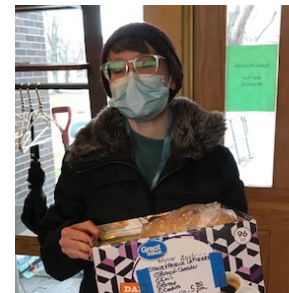
Bob Duda shows off the latest in Church Elf fashion with the new "Atonal" line of lounge wear.



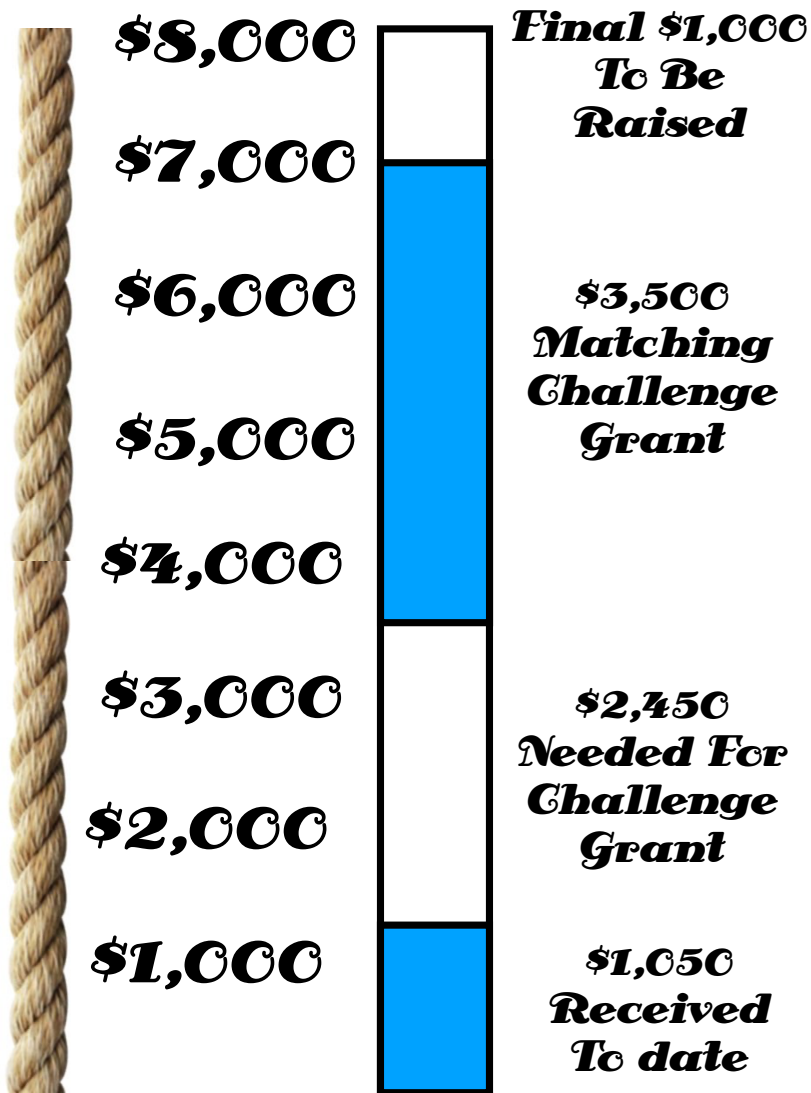
Food For Fellowship!!!



**79 Quarts of Soup
and 38 Loaves of Bread
Comprising 49 Meals
to Feed 121 People
With 62 Cards Sent Out**



Swing The Bell!



In response to the article in last month's newsletter about the "crazy" idea to repair the bell so it will swing freely and peal with joy, an anonymous donation was made to the church in the amount of \$3,500 (!) In the form of a Matching Challenge Grant. With each dollar donated being matched up to \$3,500. What this means, in essence, is we only need an additional \$4,500 to get the old bell swinging again.

As it was *his* crazy idea, Rev. Mike (and Linda) have donated the additional 1% raise, and along with an additional gift we've made a great start (\$2,450 remains to meet the match, \$3,450 make our goal).

Donations may be send to The First Presbyterian Church, 17 Park Street, Canton, NY 13617, earmarked for "Swing The Bell!" Thank You!

Saving Grace

Father, because this table is arrayed with abundance of good food, may we be ever mindful of not only how blessed we are, but that there are tables around the world which are bare.

Help us to recall the words of your Son, who taught us: as we did it unto one of the least of his brethren, so we did it unto him.

Give us hearts that share with others, as you have so abundantly shared with us.



Rummage Sale

*Great Clothes
at
Great Prices*

Friday

April 22nd

9 AM to 4 PM

Saturday

April 23rd

9 AM to Noon

Summer clothes, kid's clothes, household items, all good stuff!

**First Presbyterian Church
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Friday: Clothing \$5/Bag

Saturday: Everything \$1/Bag

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Canton, NY 13617

Address Service Requested

The Church is charged for every returned Newsletter. If you have moved, or changed a seasonal address, please notify the church office. Thank you.



**Swing The Bell Update
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Maundy Thursday Service
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Church School Is Back!**



**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Spring Rummage Sale - April 22 & 23**

The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Canton to reach out to all people and welcome them in celebrating truly the joys, freedoms and responsibilities that come with our faith in God, Christ's unconditional love for us, and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our world. Through this nurturing Christian Community we will fully recognize the value of each believer, humbly forgive ourselves and others, and lovingly embrace God's Grace.